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1. Object 52 in Oberschlema operates the following five trucks: Two Zis, one Opel-Blitz, and two Studebakers. The drivers work a 16-hour shift followed by 32-hour rest. They usually drive their trucks eight times during each tour of duty, hauling canisters of uranium ore from Oberschlema to the rail head in Aue. When full, each canister weighs between 30 and 35 kilograms. The Zis trucks hold 100 canisters; the Opel Blitz holds 80; and the Studebaker 70. The loading of the ore canisters at Object 52 is carried out exclusively by Russian soldiers, as is the unloading in Aue. A Russian soldier always accompanies each load of ore from Oberschlema to Aue. The freight yard in Aue, where the canisters are loaded onto trains, joins the regular Aue railway passenger station on the north. However, it is well fenced off from the public passenger terminal.
2. The metal canisters used by Wismut A.G. for transporting uranium ore are manufactured by the firm of Hermann Nier, now a VEB, located in Beierfeld, between Schwarzenberg and Aue. These canisters are collected daily by Wismut trucks.

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